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DEPARTMENT FOR A/SY/FO; BEIRUT FOR RSS, RSO AND CO, CO "B"

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SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF MARINES TO SAIGON FOR PPSU DUTY

REF: BEIRUT 125 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL ADDRESSED TO EMBASSIES KATHMANDU, BEIRUT, DAMASCUS AND CAIRO LISTS FIVE MARINES, TWO OF WHOM WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR ASSIGNMENT TO EMBASSY SAIGON FOR PPSU DUTY. ONE OF THE MARINES LISTED IS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO DAMASCUS. HE HAS HAD PPSU TRAINING AND WE ASSUME THE OTHER MARINES LISTED IN THE REFTEL ARE SIMILARLY TRAINED.

2. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT SAIGON UNDOUBTEDLY HAS REAL NEED FOR MARINES WITH PPSU TRAINING WE HOPE THAT IN VIEW OF SECURITY SITUATION IN DAMASCUS (BOTH EGYPTIAN AND JORDANIAN EMBASSIES WERE BOMBED BY TERRORISTS LAST FRIDAY JANUARY 3) THAT ANY MARINES TRANSFERRED FROM THIS POST WILL BE COVERED BY A CONTACT REPLACEMENT.
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